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B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC 7 A61K		
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used) EPO-Internal, WPI Data, EMBASE, BIOSIS		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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X	JAMEELA S R ET AL: "Progesterone-loaded chitosan microspheres: a long acting biodegradable controlled delivery system" JOURNAL OF CONTROLLED RELEASE, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS B.V. AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 52, no. 1-2, 2 March 1998 (1998-03-02), pages 17-24, XP004113650 ISSN: 0168-3659 page 18, right-hand column, paragraph 2 page 19, right-hand column, paragraph 2; figure 3 ----- -/--	1-8,13, 14,16-19
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X	PRADHAN R S ET AL: "FORMULATION AND IN VITRO RELEASE STUDY ON POLY (DL-LACTIDE) MICROSPHERES CONTAINING HYDROPHILIC COMPOUNDS: GLYCINE HOMOPEPTIDES" JOURNAL OF CONTROLLED RELEASE, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS B.V. AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 30, no. 2, 1 May 1994 (1994-05-01), pages 143-154, XP000451918 ISSN: 0168-3659 page 144, right-hand column, line 1; table 1	1-7, 12-19
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claim 19 is directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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